

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A socket for an electrically operated device, comprising:
a housing, including at least a first housing part and a second housing part, which together enclose an interior, the first housing part having first fastening portions and the second housing part having second fastening portions, which rest on the first fastening portions of the first housing part;

at least one contact disposed in said interior; and

at least one clamping spring having a first portion for snap-in fastening of the electrically operated device and a second portion that clamps and retains together the first and second housing parts, wherein the second portion of the clamping spring has a leg, which rests on one of the fastening portions of the second housing part, the leg having a fastening opening, which matches a fastening opening embodied in the housing parts.

2. (Currently Amended) The socket of claim 1, wherein that the first fastening portions of the first housing part comprises a base part with a base plate portion, ~~the base plate portion housing having fastening portions~~ for fastening the base part to a support element.

3. (Currently Amended) The socket of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein the first fastening portions ~~comprise housing portions that~~ are diametrically opposite one another and include fastening openings.

4. (Original) The socket of claim 2, wherein the two housing parts together define a parting seam, which is disposed essentially parallel to the base plate portion.

5. (Original) The socket of claim 1, wherein the second housing part, on a side remote from the first housing part, has a recess for receiving at least one portion of the electrically operated device.

6. (Original) The socket of claim 5, wherein the first portion of the clamping spring protrudes into the recess.
7. (Original) The socket of claim 1, wherein the socket has two clamping springs.
8. (Original) The socket of claim 7, wherein the clamping springs are identical to one another.
9. (Currently Amended) The socket of claim 1, wherein the at least one clamping spring comprises at least two clamping springs ~~[[are]]~~ disposed opposite one another.
10. Cancel.
11. (Currently Amended) The socket of claim 1, wherein the second portion~~[[,]]~~ of the clamping spring has ~~a first~~ another leg that snaps together with the first housing part.
12. Cancel.
13. (Original) The socket of claim 11, wherein the ~~[[first]]~~ leg that snaps together with the first housing part is disposed in a rectilinear extension of the first portion of the retaining spring.
14. (Currently Amended) The socket of claim 13, wherein the first housing part has a well, into which extends the ~~[[first]]~~ leg that snaps together with the first housing part ~~[[extends]]~~.
15. (Currently Amended) The socket of claim 11, wherein the ~~[[first]]~~ leg that snaps together with the first housing part has a snap-in recess, with associated a snap-in lug disposed on the first housing part.

16. (Original) The socket of claim 14, wherein the snap-in lug is disposed in the well.
17. (Original) The socket of claim 15, wherein the snap-in lug is disposed in the well.
18. Cancel.
19. (Currently Amended) The socket of claim 11, wherein the two legs of the clamping spring together form an essentially right angle.
20. Cancel.
21. (Currently Amended) The socket of claim 1, wherein the [[second]] leg of the clamping spring is resiliently pre-stressed against the fastening portion of the second housing part.
22. (Original) The socket of claim 1, wherein said electrically operated device is a lamp.